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1. FIRST SESSION OF WORKING LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ISSUES AGREED ON JUNE 14 (REFTEL) TOOK PLACE JUNE 17 AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PARTICIPANTS WERE, FOR ROK, ASSISTANT MINISTER YI MUN-YONG, AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG, HIS DEPUTY YI SANG-HUN, AND DIVISION II DIRECTOR HAN CHANG-SIK. U.S. REPS WERE DCM, POLCOUNS, AND POLMIL OFFICER.

2. AFTER DEPARTURE OF PHOTOGRAPHERS, ROK SIDE PRESENTED LIST OF DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY MEASURES, AS FOLLOWS, WHICH APPEARS TO FOLLOW CLOSELY FOREIGN MINISTER PAK'S PRESENTATION TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB.

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NOTATIONS IN PARENTHESES INDICATE TENTATIVE INDICATION HOW MOFA SUGGESTS HANDLING VARIOUS ITEMS. DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY MEASURES

1. AUGMENTATION OF DETERRENT CAPABILITY:

(A) RECONFIRMATION OF SECURITY COMMITMENT (JOINT STATEMENT)

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(B) PROPER WARNING AGAINST POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN Miscalculation (JOINT STATEMENT)

(C) REASSURANCES OF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (JOINT STATEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT)

(D) POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR DETERRENT CAPABILITY (JOINT STATEMENT)

2. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY (ARMISTICE REGIME):

- (A) MAINTENANCE OF UNC (CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT)
- (B) MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE REGIME (CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT)

3. CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ROK-US DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION:
(JOINT STATEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT)

- (A) CALL FOR THE RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT
- (B) AVOIDANCE OF DIRECT AND UNILATERAL NORTH KOREAN APPROACHES TO THE US
- (C) GREATER US INITIATIVES FOR A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS (USSR, PRC, ETC.)
 - FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE ON KOREA
 - SOUTH-NORTH NON-AGGRESSION PACT
- (D) US INFLUENCE ON LEADING NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN UN

4. OTHER MATTERS: (CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS)

- (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF ROK/US COMBINED MILITARY COMMAND
 - (B) QUESTION OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL
 - (C) US SUPPORT OF ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FIP)
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3. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A) U.S. INDICATED STRONG RESERVATION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT EXCHANGE (TEMS 1C AND 2 IN AGENDA). ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MILITARY INFORMATION MAY REQUIRE CONFIDENTIAL HANDLING BUT POINTED OUT THAT ANY SECRET AGREEMENTS CREATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR USG.
- B) ROK URGED THAT SCM SHOULD BE CONCLUDED WITH TWO SEPARATE JOINT STATEMENTS, ONE BY DEFENSE MINISTER AND SECRETARY BROWN, ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL, AS FOR EXAMPLE BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR. U.S. SIDE NOTED THAT SECRETARY BROWN WAS CABINET MEMBER AND THUS PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY, BUT SAID ROK REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.

C) ROK PROPOSED WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH FORMAL EXCHANGE OF AGREED MINUTES. THEY RELENTED ON LATTER POINT BUT PRESSED FOR WEEKLY SESSIONS, FRANKLY AVOWING PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSE THEREFOR. THIS WAS FINALLY AGREED, AND NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 21 (SINCE MOFA OFFICIALS WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THEIR MINISTER AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS DURING LATTER PART OF WEEK). SUBJECT WILL BE ITEMS 1A THROUGH D.

D) BOTH SIDES AGREED ON BRIEF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, (REDRAFTED BY US) INDICATING MEETING HAD DISCUSSED PROGRAM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, AND GIVING DATE OF NEXT SESSION.

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